



Our Ref.: 427.034

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: :
MARTINEZ et al : Examiner: S. Sakelaris
Serial No.: 09/486,142 :
Filed: March 31, 2000 : Group: 1634
For: OLIGONUCLEOTIDES... :
HORMONES : 475 Park Avenue South
New York, NY 10016
April 8, 2004

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Further to the above-identified application, Applicants request that the period of response to the outstanding Office Action be extended for one additional month, until

April 9, 2004.

PTO Form 2038 is enclosed herewith authorizing that the appropriate fee be charged to the American Express credit card account of the undersigned attorney. Should any further extension of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit account 02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,
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